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Common Pool Concept

Within the Levees and Channels Technical Team there is great disagreement on whether the Common Pool Concept should be an assurance. The following are different draft versions from various groups:

From the Central Delta Water Agency

The "Common Pool" concept will be maintained in the Delta. All water diverted from the Delta by the SWP and CVP must be diverted from the Common Pool. No diversions will be made from the North Delta and conveyed around the Delta.

From the Corps of Engineers

A steady stream of funding is required for the Levee System Integrity Program.

A range of mechanisms, intended to insure continued support for necessary funding, should be evaluated. Examples include:

- a. Front loading appropriations, beyond simple authorizing language at the state and/or federal level, to implement the program;*
- b. Operational or physical constraints on the conveyance system to maintain some level of use of the Delta as a "common pool";*
- c. Some other, as yet unidentified, physical mechanism that will insure continued broad based political support.*

In order to obtain the necessary authority to implement the Levee Program, several sections of the California Water Code must be modified."

From B.J. Miller

(See attached fax)